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## **CAMBRIA MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 19, 2006, **KENNETH R. ABBY**, age 56, of Cambria, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. ABBY, who had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, was sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment, 8 years' supervised released, and was fined \$200.

The violation occurred between September 3, 2002, and November 3, 2005, in Jackson, Williamson, Saline and Union Counties. Six co-defendants have pled not guilty and are awaiting a May 30, 2006, jury trial.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, and United States Marshals Service pursuant to their participation in the Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The Harrisburg Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Zeigler Police Department and Southern Illinois Enforcement Group also assisted in the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.